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Our Case No. 10546/006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

John W. Wong, et al.

Serial No. 09/424,431

Filing Date: March 16, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DELIVERING RADIATION  
THERAPY DURING SUSPENDED  
VENTILATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Reply in response to an Examiner's Office action mailed on April 3, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. As this Reply is being mailed on July 3, 2003 under the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8, it is timely.

In the subject Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 15, the only pending claim in the application, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentably obvious over a combination of United States Patent Nos. 5,067,494 (Reinmueller), 5,915,381 (Nord), and 6,436,127 (Anderson). Applicant herein provides remarks in response to the Examiner's rejection of the pending claim. Applicant does not make any amendments to the claim in response to the subject Office action.

In accordance with the notice AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (February 25, 2003), a complete listing of the pending claims appears on the following page, and applicant's remarks begin on a separate page thereafter.